ELKO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER News Release

Thursday, June 22, 2006, 9:30 a.m. Barth #1 Fire, Update #3

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BARTH FIRE SOUTH OF CARLIN, NEVADA CONTAINED

Elko, Nevada – Firefighters have contained the Barth #1 Fire which burned southwest of Carlin.

The Barth Fire which burned about 15 miles southwest of Carlin is 100% contained. The fire burned 2,214 acres. Although fully contained - the fire will be monitored by fire fighters today as a precautionary measure.

The Barth #1 Fire started late Tuesday night and burned sagebrush and grass in steep terrain. At its peak, 160 people fought the fire. Will Johnson, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief, served as the Incident Commander for the initial attack on the fire.

Engines from Nevada Division of Forestry, Carlin

Volunteer Fire Department, and the Bureau of Land Management Elko and Winnemucca Field Offices responded. Three air tankers dropped fire retardant on the fire and one helicopter was used for water drops. Heavy equipment from Eureka County and the TS Ranch was used also to fight the fire.

Acting BLM Elko Fire Management Officer Dylan Rader said, "Given the fuel conditions, we were lucky the fire stayed as small as it did and we had rapid response from the Carlin Volunteer Fire Department and other agencies. We urge people to be extremely cautious while enjoying their public lands."

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